

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN REVIEW OF
CONCENTATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION

Introduction

On September 21, 2006, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Individual Permit No. INA006415, which became effective on October 9, 2006, to Hulsbosch Dairy Farm Leasing, LLC, to construct a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) dairy operation in Decatur County. Hulsbosch Dairy Farm Leasing, LLC has applied for a permit modification to increase animal numbers at the operation. Notice is hereby given that IDEM is opening a comment period on the draft individual permit and application.

Modification Application Details

An application received November 19, 2007, details an expansion in dairy cow animal numbers from 2,100 cows to 2,420 cows. All will be confined in three barns. Even though the proposed modification will increase animal numbers, the design of the dairy operation will remain the same and is as follows:

Each barn will have concrete floors and scraped to direct manure to a liquid collection and storage system. The manure/ process wastewater from the operation will be directed first to either the concrete manure/ process wastewater settling pits, to a solid manure/compost storage dewatering concrete pad and finally to the compacted clay liner earthen manure/ process wastewater storage lagoon. All milking parlor wastewaters will be directed to the manure/process wastewater storage lagoon. The raw materials and feed storage area is designed to collect silage leachate and the storm water up to the 25-year, 24-hour rain event in a compacted clay lined storage pond. All manure and process wastewaters will be land applied by the permittee, a contractor under the control of the permittee, or distributed to other persons for land application or converting to compost. The milk chilling process utilizes groundwater and a non-contact cooling device. The non-contact cooling water will be collected for recycling as drinking water or to mist the cows for cooling purposes. Excess non-contact cooling water will be conveyed to an existing field drainage tile. The facility must be constructed and operated in accordance with the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Rule (327 IAC 15-4-3 and 327 IAC 15-15) and Indiana's Confined Feeding Operation Rule (327 IAC 16).

Public Review and Comment

The draft NPDES Amended Individual Permit at IDEM's public file room on the 12th floor of the Indiana Government Center-North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis Indiana 46204, during normal working hours. The draft permit is also available on IDEM's agency's web page at: <http://www.in.gov/idem/land/permits/notices/index.html>.

Comments should be technical comments, which addresses compliance with 327 IAC 5-4-3, which can be viewed at: <http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/T03270/A00160.PDF>
Citizens should be reminded that some issues (odor, potential devalued property, and traffic concerns) are not within IDEM's jurisdiction. Rather, they are local zoning issues. Persons presenting comments are requested to submit one written copy of the comment and submit it to IDEM within 30 days after the publication of this notice to:

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Concerns will be summarized and a document will be drafted in which a response will be given for each concern. A copy of the responsiveness summary will be mailed to each person who submits written comment if a complete, legible address is provided to IDEM with the comment.

Further Information

For further information please call Daniel Bruggen (317)-233-3554 or Mr. Dennis Lasiter (317)-232-8732.